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220 SOUTH FOURTH STREET,

GEORGE BURNHAM, PRESIDENT.

W. J. CHEYNEY, GENERAL MANAGER.

I. W. McELWEE, ASST. TREAS. & SEC.

Philadelphia, 5/16 1892
Monday 9.30 A.M.

My dear Sam.

Sat'ing just as I was leaving for the "Iron
Brid" in letter of 8th and have since you this morn-
g letter of night received. Draw for "May expen-
es whenever you wish" I mean money granted June 1st.
I have read very carefully your letter, and am
very sorry for your uneasiness as well as for the
uneasiness; but I can but hope that the large and mis-
cellaneous amount of quartz lying around
will average a paying amt of gold with the
economical source of power within reach for its
attraction and handling. We have the key to
the situation in a real gold quartz region and
think it will yet unlock a treasure house of
any and comparatively distant chambers.
I think you had better hold still, for the present,
the matter of purchasing other stock, in
view of what you say, & other circumstances.
Humphrey has no real connection with the Conka
mine, but only with the people at Johnsville we
might take his stock in on the Kern basis, but I
should like to know exactly who he is before doing so.

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Now, as regards my going to California immediately I have written you so much lately (possibly to the extent of confusing rather than enlightening you) - that I do not remember whether I have said anything definite in letters sent since you wrote on 5th - but the situation is this. I have been looking forward to leaving here - say May 30th and stop at Reno as to be at Johnsville a day or two before day of meeting June 6th. Remain there for a week or ten days and then go to S. F. to attend to Mammoth - Fairfield matters, by 25th June then on to Arizona and home by Aug 1st which is the day for issuing our yearly report to S. M. M. Co. stockholders. Church expects to be in S. F. on one of his trips by June 20th meet me. Mamma wants to go with me, and she has your letter - rec'd Sat^y - saying you are expecting her. I think I wrote you that we are to have a hearing in Sup. Court Chambers on 21st in the Huber Co. business that the result may be I do not know but it may effect the practicability of my leaving here on the day anticipated of Mamma going with me.

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The question of Mamma leaving Abscon this summer is simplified since I last wrote you. Edith and the children are now comfortably domiciled there and will have left N.Y. (as J. Martin & Co's business closed up) will probably be with them more than last summer as he has not yet made any other engagement. And Edward Prescott - Mamma's colored boy of last summer - now 13¹/₂ and with Mamma there the present outfit could get along very well without further male company, as when the farmer is there all day but goes to his home in the village at night. There is no certainty that H. L. can be there during June and Ed. cannot move down until July¹/₂ nor Paul until near that time. So you see it might be very inconvenient for Mamma to leave the last of May even if the Water Co. business will allow it. We might wish therefore to leave for the west about a month later. Another factor in the case is the Bi-Metallic (Silver Convention) National to be held in Washington the last of May - which Sam urged to attend - but I don't care for that, much, as there is nothing practical in it for the cause.

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Now, if I should be still here beyond June 6th meeting, my only special wish is to have Geo. Redwade put in Morgan's place in the Board. About this I am particular and I presume no objection will be made to it. If the Judge cannot conveniently attend could he not give Hall a proxy? It is a hard drag over there for the Judge when there is so little to do. You will, of course, have a full report to submit, on the basis of the one last submitted to the Board, and I think it would be well to have a general resolution of approval similar to the one in Minutes of our last ^{meeting} stockholders, which was prepared by our Coun. Counsel, Dunham. I enclose copy. And you will wish to have all wages and other bills paid up to June 1st - before stockholders meeting. You will have given credit in S. F. in time for this, if you were so minded. Should I not be there June 1st - I will furnish the funds needed to carry on the necessary work after that date, until we can levy an assessment after I do get there - only do not go much beyond the amt. we have been lately expending monthly. We are all as well as usual. Carpy off. father

Wm. Sam. M. Cheyney W. J. Cheyney